

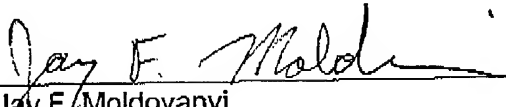
REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the supplemental amendments to claims 14 and 48 and of new claims 54 and 55 is respectfully requested.

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